

Drainage Board Meeting
October 2, 2012

Present: Al Logsdon, David Gogel, Mickey Toler, Surveyor Herron, Elaine Jones, Attorney Wilkinson
Auditor Lynam

Minutes

Gogel made a motion to approve the Drainage Board minutes from September 7th as presented. Toler seconded the motion, motion passed.

Surveyors Report

Herron reported that Sweezer Ditch is pretty well done, still a little work to do. There are some beaver dams back in the upper end of J C Hoople. Someone is going to trap the beavers this winter and we will try to get the beaver dams removed in the spring.

Logsdon made mention of the \$5,000 donation from Vectren to help with the work on Sweezer Ditch; in addition to that we used \$1,500 from the Rainy Day Fund and one of the landowners in the area came up with another \$3,565. Because of these additional funds we did an additional 1350 feet @ \$3.68 a foot so we got over a mile of work done at \$3.68 a foot. The reason we didn't come back to seek your approval to spend the extra \$1,500 to complete the 1350 feet was because we felt it was too good an opportunity to pass up. All three of us, in a previous meeting, had given Surveyor Herron permission to spend up to \$2,000 in an emergency situation. Since the contractor was there we went ahead and had it done.

After Vectren provided the money, they spoke to the excavator, Kirby Youngblood, and stated that if we could give them an annual plan in January and if it involved any ditches they own in that area they would try to incorporate that into their budget. If we ask for any support late in the year the only way they can help would be if they have excess money. We need to get them something as early as possible in 2013. The ditch is in pretty good shape now to be mowed and sprayed.

Logsdon explained the current budget balance in Rainy Day Funds: he had given a report to everyone on September 18th; the report showed \$373.23 left in the miscellaneous column, and \$1850 committed for Tower drain, to complete the work done in Hatfield. We have \$8,000 left in the account for the remainder of the year in addition to those two items. It doesn't exactly have to be used on these drains but our Drainage Advisory Board wanted us to leave \$3,000 for Crooked Creek and \$5,000 for Big Sandy. If we find a pressing need somewhere else we could use the monies to get that work done. As soon as harvest is completed we will have our winter meeting of the Drainage Advisory Board and we will give them an Annual Report of work done, money spent, and hopefully have time to get an overview of the plans for the coming year. We can then take our plans to the Council in January for funding for the first part of the year.

Old Business

Walt Yeager was present and said he would appreciate seeing more planning relative to the maintenance of these ditches. He said he had concerns because water ponds instead of moving because of obstructions.

A motion to adjourn was made by Toler, seconded by Gogel, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:46 A.M.

 President

 Attest:

Mickey Toler
